

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 2, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 21-42 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,272,559. The Examiner also rejected claims 21-42 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,253,256. Claims 21-42 remain pending.

Although disagreeing with the Examiner's rejections of claims 21-42, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to expedite prosecution of this application. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections and the timely allowance of claims 21-42.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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